

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to acknowledge the life and lifetime achievements of one of Butler County's most beloved senior citizens; and

Whereas, Onia Mae Mobley Morrison, a treasured resident of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday on October 26, 2003, with a festive celebration and reception at Westwood Hills Health Care Center; and

Whereas, Onia Mae Mobley Morrison came into this world on October 26, 1903, as one of nine children born to proud and loving parents Jim Mobley, a General Baptist minister, and Allie Mae Mobley, who welcomed her into their hearts as a precious gift from God; and

Whereas, on November 14, 1927, Onia embarked upon a new and exciting chapter in her life when she married her beloved Ernest A. Morrison, a kind and caring gentleman with whom she shared forty-six years of wedded success and happiness until his departure from this world on February 6, 1973; and

Whereas, active church workers, Onia and Ernest Morrison were instrumental in establishing the first Missionary Baptist Church in Arizona and later attended Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff, of which Onia is still a devout member; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Onia Morrison has been abundantly blessed with the love and admiration of a wonderful family whose members include her four children and their spouses, Ben and Edna Morrison of Naylor, Jerry Morrison (deceased), Ernestine and Rayburn Pennington of Poplar Bluff, and Wilma Morrison (deceased); and her five grandchildren, one of whom is an angel in heaven, and nine great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, now one hundred years young, Onia Morrison faces the beginning of each day with renewed hope and happiness and continues to lead a good Christian life, sharing her experiences and exciting stories of times gone by with her friends at Westwood Hills Health Care Center where she now resides:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most heartfelt congratulations and birthday greetings to Onia Mae Mobley Morrison as she proudly celebrates one hundred years of achievement, and in wishing her tremendous peace and contentment as she continues her journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Onia Mae Mobley Morrison, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4605, adopted November 6, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker